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2014 brings most snow days in recent years — Cancellations arise from nastier weather, updated decision making process

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Snow day information provided by UPD Chief of Police Eric Plummer.

Platforms explained at forum

By Emmy Erbes
The Dakota Student

Candidates running for the positions of Student Body President and Vice President explained their platforms to students at their first public forum in Wilkerson Dining Hall. Choices for the executive branch in this year’s election are Hanson and Hamilton or Franklin and Johnson.

Collin Hanson is a sophomore from Shreveport, N.D. studying Political Science and Nonprofit Leadership. His running mate Hayley Hamilton, from Golden Valley, Minn., is a junior majoring in Political Science.

Grad Expo rescheduled

Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

The UND Spring 2014 Graduation Expo, originally scheduled for April 1, but cancelled due to the blizzard, has been rescheduled for April 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Loading Dock at the Memorial Union.

The expo will help students take care of any last-minute details they need to deal with before commencement day comes.
Crossword
By Crossword Master Sam Wigness

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Closing a university does not just cost money, but it's spread out over different areas, making it difficult to determine how much it is actually lost when closing schools. "It is hard to determine how much money the whole university loses when it has to shut down for snow days," Johnson said. "It's not like we are a store. It's a tough thing to quantify the dollar value of." Even though the school loses money, Johnson said that's not what matters.

**Really, we have to trust the weather forecast... we have to make decisions and trust the weather forecasts for the safety of everyone.**

Peter Johnson  
**UND spokesman**

"Closing the university really has nothing to do with the cost," Johnson said. "It ultimately comes down to the safety of the students and the staff.

**UND stacks up**

"I grew up in the Washington D.C. area, but my parents were born and raised here in Grand Forks, and I spent part of my childhood here, but I spent most of my childhood in the Washington D.C. area where people don't know how to deal with snow," Johnson said.

Senior Amy Ziegler is also from Grand Forks. "I remember one day when school got canceled, and it didn't even snow. They only canceled because the forecast called for snow."

Johnson said he believed there are more southern states that close down with little to no chance of snow because people don't know how to deal with it.

"If you are much further south, you could assume that there are less snowmobilers, blades and people who are just not prepared and who don't have funds that are designated for snow removal," Johnson said. "Here, we have plans of what to do with snow if we get a lot of it, and there is a lot of here to clean up. I mean, we spend all spring just removing snow."

Johnson said that in Washington D.C., snow falls were treated very differently. "We just had two snow days (at UND) because of a blizzard, but in the Washington area we could get five to seven inches of snow and have the whole week off. Ziegler said. "It is actually quite hilarious, because it's like the whole city shuts down. People are crazy, and there are way more accidents (when it snows)."

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**CANDIDATES**

Also running for Student Body President is Tanner Franklin, a senior from Duluth, Minn. majoring in operations and supply chain management. Franklin is joined by Fargo native Brett Johnson, who is a sophomore pursuing a double major in Biology and Honors.

"Thank you to both of the candidates for stepping up to this important role for our campus," said forum moderator Kylee Overson, who was UND Student Body President 2011-2012 and now serves on the North Dakota House of Representatives for District 42.

Before the debates began, each team was given one minute to introduce itself and its platform.

Hamilton started off by outlining her and Hanson's three main goals — campus safety, better student-advisor relationships and affordable tuition.

Franklin said he and Johnson are looking to make a long-lasting impact on the university.

For the first debate round, candidates were given three different questions and had two minutes to answer each one. When asked what he thinks is the most important issue facing UND students currently face, Franklin went more in depth about his and Johnson's goals.

"Based on the conversations we have had with many students, the most important issue is tuition at this university," he said. "We want to reduce student fees and tuition, and we will work with North Dakota Legislature to achieve this. We will also work right here at UND to make sure your student fees are being used wisely."

Hanson and Hamilton had a different opinion on the most important issue facing UND students. The most pressing issue is students trying to find their major here at UND, and we would like to help them find their way," Hamilton said.

In the second round, each team asked the opposing team a question, and the third round featured questions from the audience. Because Hanson/Hamilton mentioned safety in their goals earlier in the forum, Hamilton answered an audience question about exactly what they would do to increase safety.

"Collin and I are really passionate about this issue," she said. "We would like to increase lighting on campus because there are a lot of dark spots, and we would like to install lighted crosswalks."

Franklin and Johnson are also concerned with safety issues but brought their own ideas to the table.

"We would like to continue to use the Adopt-a-Cop program, and we are looking into getting surveillance cameras in parking lots," Franklin said.

To wrap up the forum, Hanson offered a final explanation for why students should vote for him and Hamilton.

"Our vision is clear. We are proven leaders, and we know we can get things done," Hanson said. Franklin said he and Johnson deserve the votes because they are highly motivated to help students.

"We are willing to work with administration on issues, but we will also defend students against administration on other things," Franklin said.

The next public forum will be held Wednesday in the Loading Dock from 4 to 6 p.m. It will feature the Residence Senator candidates in addition to the executive candidates. A similar session will be held April 14 in the Loading Dock from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring the Academic Senator and executive candidates.

Student government elections will be held Wednesday April 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Union, Gamble and Wilkerson. Johnson urged students to let their voice be heard and vote in the election.

"Students should vote because they can shape the leadership, making an impact on what this campus will do in the future," Johnson said.
Fight fears for fulfilling future

There was so much to be scared of these past few days and many more reasons to panic. But I survived and am wiser for it.

Kjerstine Trooien  
staff writer

Surprisingly though, the conference went really well. My presentation inspired quite a bit of discussion. I learned so many things, that I was an undergraduate was irrelevant.

To think I almost let my insecurities keep me from going is now, in hindsight, shocking. I've always been the type to push myself past perceived boundaries. I have discovered many of my favorite activities because I was initially scared and wanted to conquer them.

The same went for driving around the cities. I'd only driven in Minneapolis once before, and that was on a light weekend with the aid of a borrowed GPS from my parents. This time, I was on my own, no GPS and no one in the car with me.

For someone so independent, I was ashamed of how reliant I felt on other people. Just one person with me would have assuaged my fears. They could read the exit numbers aloud and read maps while I drove.

I got lost more than once, but I made it. I was able to navigate — not easily — but I got around without immense issues.

On my way home, I thought my world was about to end. Outside Fergus Falls, my car suddenly made a huge popping noise and started smoking. I was in the inner lane of the interstate in heavy traffic.

I knew I could handle myself in other people's emergencies from my past work as an EMT, but my own? I had no idea. I don't know how I did it, but I was able to safely get my car over to the shoulder. I did everything I could, but there was no getting my car to move.

The coolant reservoir and the radiator were both pouring liquid out, and the engine wouldn't even turn over. At least the smoke stopped once my engine cooled. For the first time in my life, I was on the other end of a 911 call. Instead of helping, I was the one asking for the help.

The tow truck driver was very kind. The tow truck driver even kinder.

There was much to be scared of these past few days and many more reasons to panic. But I survived and am wiser for it.

Kjerstine Trooien is a staff writer for The Dakota Student.
Student athlete unionization costly, detrimental

By Margaret Upton

The Dakota Student

While I enjoy a roasting game of softball, I'm certainly not an athlete. I'm more of an observer about the current debates regarding the unionization of student athletes, though.

Generally speaking, a union is defined as an organized association of workers formed to protect their rights and interests. If allowed, student athletes could now form unions to unite together so they could conceivably present a demand rising within their respective schools. This will ensure athletes' rights and health are protected, they are satisfied with their university experiences and, most concerning, that any economic benefits to the schools are fairly shared.

Now that student unionization ground has been achieved by the football team of Northwestern University in Chicago, the idea of unions has become an alluring concept, especially with athletes who have no income and bargaining power.

There are some positive benefits student athletes would gain from unionization, such as campus and off-campus legitimate interventions, scholarships for mental health, and counseling. The most obvious plus is the stigma often thwarts those associated with needing and receiving treatment. More transparency and availability awareness has been on the rise, but it's not always working as well as it could be.

Sure, there are other stresses. Work and exams; there are so many others. Without treatment, I wouldn't have taken the opportunities that have come my way or participate in and pass my classes.

Sometimes the first person you see worst always work best for you. Upon my diagnosis my senior year of high school, I saw a man who wasn't the best fit for me. When I started at UND, I began seeing a new therapist who I connected with. Between her, the support group and appointments at Student Health, I found a healthy balance of the stress and problems I was dealing with. I could move forward with my education as well as my life.

Many campuses don't provide free counseling. The fact that ours is free and gives quality treatment is great. The entire Wellness community does a great job understanding all the aspects of health, both body and mind. Don't be afraid of asking for help, whatever the case may be. If you're having difficulty in life, take advantage of the services that are provided.

I'm so grateful for the treatment I've received. You aren't alone with your troubles and there are services at your disposal, just give them a try.

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Games with Russia risky

By Hunter Erickson

The Dakota Student

Ukraine's interim Prime Minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, said Russia's actions in Crimea have been presented to me or participated in and passed my classes.

Crimea has one of the largest region in the Black Sea for oil production, as well as important ports in the Black Sea. They have access to the Mediterranean.

The region itself — known for being pro-Russian — voted on March 16 to join the Russian Federation, and allegedly had 97 percent of the population agree. This was the first step toward another reign of Russian dominance.

Fearing the actions of Russia in Ukraine, federal lands has led to a war of sanctions with the West. With Russia declaring Crimea part of its territory, the U.S. and European Union started the first round of sanctioning, freezing assets and travel bans for people involved, all deemed to be heavily involved in Ukraine's change in political views.

Other potential sanctions include trading bans on companies such as, Gazprom a natural gas company under the control of the Russian government. It's the main player in buying the rights to the Russian gas. Russia has enough on crosswalks.

Gazprom is already having problems with supply lines and could lose more than half of their revenue, which go to other parts of the UND, academic and research oriented programs. Student fees and tuition rates would have to rise up for the students, and possibly provide long-term compensation for catastrophic injuries.

When a member has a grievance with the university, their union leaders work with the university to resolve the issue. Positive arguments aside, most of the discrepancies are about money. Many student athletes, especially those in the largest men's sports, feel entitled to compensation because of revenue they bring to their universities. However, Title IX requires if one student athlete is paid, every student athlete at the university must be paid.

Most student sport programs are not self-sustaining — the supports others. Since many student sports programs are not self-sustaining, where would all this wage money come from?

The most likely funds to pay athletes' wages would be the athletic scholarship program and from savings achieved by divorcing the various non-self-supporting, sports programs and related student organizations.

If this occurred, the entire student body would be affected negatively. Fewer student athletes would receive scholarships because scholarship dollars would be converted to athletic wages. Fewer students would participate in sports.

Further, if the student athlete unions' strength grew and their requests were met, additional funds could stream to the athletic department, diminishing the possibility for growth and improvements, which go to other parts of the UND academic program. Additional funds could be used to pay heightened tuition and fees to support wage-based athletic programs.

I'm not in college to support the university's athletics. I'm in college to focus on academics and better my education. If the student athletes of UND attempt to unionize, it would negatively impact their college experience and the student body and the university.

What ever happened to the thrill of competition just for the love of the game? Student athletes should consider this and remember the real reasons they play.

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Student Government  
election section

Presidential Candidate Pairs

Tanner Franklin  
- Position: President  
- Year: Senior  
- Major: Operations and Supply Chain Management

Brett Johnson  
- Position: Vice President  
- Year: Junior  
- Major: Biology Pre-Med and Honors

Collin Hanson  
- Position: President  
- Year: Sophomore  
- Major: Political Science

Hayley Hamilton  
- Position: Vice President  
- Year: Junior  
- Major: Political Science

“Your T.O.P. Ticket — fighting for lower tuition and fees to keep money in your pocket. Forming a broader outreach to gather opinions for improved campus programs. Protecting students by creating a safer campus and advocating for student rights.”

Tanner Franklin and Brett Johnson  
President and Vice President Candidates

“We are committed to addressing safety issues on our campus. We need to light the night, because safety shouldn’t set with the sun. Another priority is encouraging students to get involved in at least one of our 250-plus Student Organizations.”

Collin Hanson and Hayley Hamilton  
President and Vice President Candidates
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<td>Residence Hall Senator</td>
<td>Sophomore</td>
<td>Economics and Finance</td>
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<td>Daniel Frank</td>
<td>Arts &amp; Sciences Senator</td>
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<td>Criminal Justice</td>
<td>“Be a strong advocate for students, eliminate wasteful spending and protect students’ rights.”</td>
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<td>Derek LaBrie</td>
<td>Aerospace Student Senator</td>
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<td>Commercial Aviation/Political Science</td>
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<td>Jasmine Joy</td>
<td>Student Senator of Education &amp; Human Development</td>
<td>Sophomore</td>
<td>Early Childhood Education &amp; Elementary Education</td>
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<td>Matthew Kopp</td>
<td>Greek Housing Senator</td>
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<td>Political Science/Economics</td>
<td>“To represent the Greek community by bringing leadership experience to the position in order to focus on critical issues such as campus safety and educational affordability.”</td>
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<td>Ryan Brown</td>
<td>Business and Public Administration Senator</td>
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<td>Freshman</td>
<td>Commercial Aviation</td>
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<td>Shane Schuster</td>
<td>Aerospace Senator</td>
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<td>Commercial Aviation</td>
<td>“I would be a strong voice for the Aviation Community and I would be proud to serve you.”</td>
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<td>Taylor Nelson</td>
<td>University Apartments Senator</td>
<td>Sophomore</td>
<td>Political Science/Pre Law</td>
<td>“As a Student Senator, I believe I would be a strong voice for students and create a more definite bridge between our students and the administration.”</td>
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Names provided by Student Sen. Alan Oberg.
Christian Smith
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Sophomore
- Major: Aviation Management
- Platform: “I’m running for student senate to advocate on behalf of the students, be the voice of the students and make decisions for the best interest of the University.”

Dylan Diede
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Sophomore
- Major: Entrepreneurship
- Platform: “I believe I can be a good voice and leader for students.”

Meghan M. Olsen
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Junior
- Major: Biology
- Platform: “My main goal would be to increase student outreach and encourage conversation so that we can unite our ideas to better our collective experience here at UND.”

Cory Cariva
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Senior
- Major: Religion
- Platform: “I will provide a voice for non-traditional students, off-campus students and fellow veterans.”

Edward Sobotta
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Senior
- Major: Commercial Aviation
- Platform: “I want to provide a strong voice for students and ensure student government provides the best possible service to UND students.”

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- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Senior
- Major: Religion
- Platform: “I will provide a voice for non-traditional students, off-campus students and fellow veterans.”

John Mitzel
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Senior
- Major: Banking & Financial Economics
- Platform: “I will be a strong voice for the UND student body on issues like affordability, transparency and others.”

Tomohiro Tanaka
- Position: University Senator
- Year: Junior
- Major: Aviation Management
- Platform: “I would like to serve as the pipeline between the university and its students. We need students to understand the issues and decisions affecting the university.”

Shannon Henk
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Sophomore
- Major: Marketing
- Platform: “I would like to capitalize on this opportunity and be a reliable voice for the students here at UND.”

Brandon Beyer
- Position: Honors Senate Seat
- Year: Sophomore
- Major: Investment and Honors
- Platform: “Promote and advance the educational interests of the Honors Program. Improve communication between Honors and Student Government.”

Jeremiah Enright
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Junior
- Major: History/Pre-Law
- Platform: “I’ll be a strong voice for students and I want to improve parking on campus for students in any possible way I can.”

Leah Larson
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Sophomore
- Major: Chemistry/Pre-med
- Platform: “Improve transportation issues to ensure student safety, especially before and after the standard operation hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.”

Patricia Tedjasukmana
- Position: Off-Campus Senator
- Year: Sophomore
- Major: Business Communications /Entrepreneurship
- Platform: “I want to continue representing students at UND through my own unique individuality and communication.”
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Graduate student promotes internet safety in third book
— Author warns that irresponsible use of technology now may affect careers years later

By Mathew McKay
The Dakota Student

UND graduate student Atif Mohammad continues to work toward making people more aware of the importance of communicating safely through technology.

Mohammad is in the progress of writing a third book called "Big Data, NoSQL, Cloud." The book is similar to his last book, which he published in November 2013, but he said the new one goes further in depth regarding the way people use technology.

Through his writing, Mohammad said he hopes to make people more aware of the loss of privacy they have on computers and how much we truly depend on machines.

"You wake up, go to the microwave and place the things in," Mohammad said. "It records the data that you used in the microwaving process. You go to a coffee shop and buy a certain coffee. Swipe your card, and it is also data."

Mohammad said while many students may not be thinking about what they are putting on their profiles right now, they will when applying for jobs later on.

"10, 20, 30 years in the future when they are actually standing in front of somebody interview- ing for a reasonable position, the topics will arise and haunt them," Mohammad said. "'Oh, you were drinking when you were under 21?'

Mohammad warned about how technology like a lot of other people, however, he believes the biggest difference is that he is careful with what he posts online and any program.

"Leading up to his publication in November, Mohammad had the opportunity to speak about data and computing at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

In addition to the trip to CSU, Mohammad also spoke at the South Sound Technology Conference at University of Washington and the Washington Technology Forum in Seattle.

Aside from his extensive collegiate work, Mohammad recently started a writing workshop for children at the Grand Forks Public Library after helping his nine-year-old son publish a book about going fishing.

Although he himself does not instructed the workshop, Mohammad said he accompanies his nine-year-old son who inspired him to set it up.

"I helped my son write a book," Mohammad said. "He told me a story when we were driving back from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Applebee’s produces smiles for happy hour
— Staff stays attentive until end of shift, delivers delicious, half-priced food quickly

By Sam Wigness
The Dakota Student

With more staff than customers in the building Saturday night, the atmosphere during Applebee’s happy hour was a little less than happy, but the food and service were great.

Perhaps my girlfriend Amy and I missed the rush, but at 10:30 p.m., the restaurant was inhabited by a few loners at the bar; a large group of 10 or more college students and 15 or so servers and bartenders frantically cleaning tables. With so few customers around, the private conversations between staff members became public and were quite entertaining.

Amy and I were helped by a short, female bartender who was direct, helpful and polite. She explained the happy hour specials, which were half-off appetizers, domestic beers and Long Island Iced Teas, and she remained patient as we perused the menu.

As we contemplated our options, a pair of servers walked behind us, and one said, "Please, let me call you 'Shazelle.'" Meanwhile, another wandered through his sections swirling loud enough for the entire restaurant to hear. Luckily, he was quite talented.

We ordered the Brew Pub Pretzels & Beer Cheese Dip and the Grilled Chicken Wanton Tacos. Minutes later, our food came out hot, delicious and half-priced. The Wanton Tacos, in their crispy shells, were a nice blend of salty and sweet and were plated beautifully.

The Brew Pub Pretzels were simple, but just as appetizing as the tacos. Four large, soft pretzel sticks were accompanied by a dish of cheese sauce and a cup of honey mustard. For the happy hour price of $3.50, I couldn’t have asked for more.

Amy and I easily finished...
By Adele Kieger
The Dakota Student

Just as spring has finally arrived, students look forward to an event-filled summer in Grand Forks.

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El Roco Bar and Bottle shop is a great place to eat. The food server only gave us spoons to eat our chocolate cake with, but after slicing off a bite, I realized the cake was warm and moist enough to eat with a spoon. While the dessert was the most expensive item on our tab, it was well worth it. The cake was served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and garnished with swirls of chocolate syrup. It took determination to finish it, but I'm glad we did.

Overall, my experience at Applebee's was outstanding. The food and drinks were served quickly, and our bartender made sure we were enjoying our stay. With that said, I would like to offer the Applebee's staff a pat on the back. I worked at restaurant as both a cook and server for more than five years, and I know how easy it is to get lulled into laziness while business is slow, but the staff on Saturday night remained sharp during our visit.

I give Applebee's happy hour five out of five stars. Our three drinks, two appetizers and a dessert added up to less than $25, which is more than fair for the amount of food we received. Aside from the dessert, we only ordered happy hour specials, and this might be an entirely different review if we had not, but I would recommend this restaurant for anyone looking for a relaxing, cheap evening out.

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Connor Gaarder had just one shot on goal during the March 29 Ferris State game. It found the back of the net and signaled an eruption of the North Dakota bench that would soon be traveling to Philadelphia to continue its season.

Simpson was with a powerhouse team in 2011 that seemed to have all the right pieces, but the ups and downs this season aided in creating a team nothing short of being a capable of more.

“Every experience helps you build and grow and develop, so I'm able of more.

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BLUEJAYS SWEEP UND

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One weekend up, the next down. That's the story of UND's baseball season thus far.

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UND was swept by the Creighton Bluejays in three games.

Game 1 on Friday proved to be North Dakota’s biggest defeat of the weekend. UND came into the game confident and ready to win, after it had achieved a season-high four-game win streak.

The batters were stagnated by Creighton’s pitching — only tallying four hits on the game. Jacob Threlkeid and Taylor Petersen accounted for UND’s only two runs in the game.

The pitching also was off in the first game as Andrew Thome continued what has been a down season for him. Thome gave up five runs off eight hits, off of five innings on the mound. Two of the five runs came in the first inning alone. Thome was credited with the loss, setting him back to 1-3 on the season.

An attempt at a rally failed in the eighth inning, and Creighton coasted into a 6-2 win.

Game 2 had a very different tone.

The batters came alive on Saturday with pitching to match — but unfortunately, the results were the same.

UND’s bats were hitting much more than the first game, as the Green and White out-hit Creighton 9-7, and scored three runs, one of which came in the ninth inning.

Zach Muckenhirn pitched another great game that resulted in a no-decision. The freshman phenom went 5.2 innings while only giving up two runs off of three hits, and striking out five.

When it came to the bottom of the ninth, UND was ahead of Creighton, 3-2, but that was when the pitching started to unravel.

Creighton saw its chance and took it as relief pitchers Ellery Bresnahan and Tyler Riemuele blew the UND lead. After a punch-bit triple, the score 3-3 and two outs to go, Riemuele could not close the door and gave up the game winning run.

Creighton 4, UND 3.

"Give them credit, they came up big with a punch-bit triple to tie it and set up the winning run,” UND coach Jeff Dodson said. “I thought we pitched pretty well tonight with Zach Muckenhirn and Ellery Bresnahan having good outings in that second game, they just hit some balls hard in the ninth that game them the win.”

Game 3, once again, had a different story, but the same results.

The bats were swinging on Sunday as UND accounted 15 hits and six runs on the game. Jacob Threlkeid and Ryan Reese had good days, going 2-4 and 4-5 with an RBI, respectively.

Even though UND drove in a series-high six runs, it still would not be enough.

Jeff Campbell had been on a tear, winning three games in a row, two of which were complete games.

Sunday was a different story as he struggled on the mound. Campbell gave up seven earned runs off of nine hits in 6.2 innings of work and was credited with the loss.

While the batters did everything they could to keep the team in the game, the three-run fifth inning by Creighton iced the game at 8-6, and gave Creighton the sweep it was looking for.

UND will try and put the sweep in the rear view for now, because with the upcoming weekend means the team is back to conference play.

The next weekend also is significant because it marks the first time the Green and White will play in Grand Forks this season.

UND will play New Mexico State in four games at Kraft Memorial Field, with a double-header to close out Sunday.

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**From walk-on to game-winning hero**

**Connor Gaarder’s recent goal in double overtime brings back memories of junior’s start on the team**

By Elizabeth Erickson

**The Dakota Student**

Connor Gaarder garnered attention after his game-winning double-overtime goal last weekend that sent North Dakota to the Frozen Four.

But the first impression the junior forward left on his teammates wouldn’t have led any of them to believe he would be the hero that night.

“I think it was the first day he was here we did (some skating tests),” senior captain Dillon Simpson said with a laugh. “I remember him absolutely dying, not being able to maybe finish it even. It kind of shows how hard he’s worked and how far he’s come. He’s been a huge part of our success this year.”

UND coach Hakstol also recalls when Gaarder stepped on the ice for practice.

“I think I first saw him the exact day,” he said. “It was early in the season. It was conditioning, and obviously Connor got a late start and he hadn’t had plans made to join our program. Our guys had been training since the previous April and May getting ready and knowing what they’re in for. He jumped into the ball game a little bit late, but I’m sure all of our teammates remember him having trouble finishing that conditioning drill.

“But I’ll also guarantee the will that he showed in actually finishing it, and that’s what stands out to me. Not the fact that he was a half-step slow at the time. It was what he did when he hit that wall. He just kept going.”

Gaarder joined the team as a walk-on his freshman year in 2011-12, after assistant coach Dan Jack- son saw him play.

The level of compete Gaarder showed proved a factor North Da- kota needed on its roster — a skater with the ability to perform in any situation.

Gaarder quietly went about his rookie season, tallying four goals and six assists while nearly match- ing his statistics his sophomore year with four goals and seven assists. This season, Gaarder’s eight goals and eight assists have come in accord- ance with his willingness to put it all on the line.

“Gaarder’s story is pretty incred- ible,” junior Mark MacMillan said. “He brings a lot to the room that probably a lot of people don’t see. The way he plays with energy and providing guys with energy is what he does in the locker room, too. He says the right things at the right time. Connor is the kind of guy that every team wants on their team.

“He’s willing to do whatever it takes, whether he’s going out there for two shifts a game or 100 shifts of the game.”

His quiet demeanor is what sep- arates him from his teammates, but his actions speak volumes.

“He doesn’t talk a whole lot, but when he says stuff, he says the right things,” MacMillan said. “He’s part of our leadership group. He’s one of the guys that steps up and does stuff.”

He’s always got some good one-lin- ers in the locker room to keep guys on their toes.”

The regional final allowed Gaarder to showcase his style. In what has become a common theme this season of different skaters step- ping up on different games, Gaarder became one of the heroes that night after he and Stephanie Pat- ryn tallied the only goals for UND.

If Hakstol would have been told three years ago that his team would be in the national tournament thanks to the standout efforts from Gaarder and Patryn, he might have shaken his head.

“At that time, nobody would believe it, right?” he said. “But that’s the story. There are a lot of chap- ters yet to be written for those guys. They’re only juniors right now, but those two guys don’t pass up many opportunities to get better or do things right. Usually at the end of the day, those are the guys that have a little bit of good luck along the way. And those two guys are a big part of our team, leadership wise, on the ice and off the ice, so that’s a feather in their cap.”

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Familiar road to Frozen Four
— Men's hockey team that no one picked to win prepares for another chance

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Three years ago, the team that was supposed to win it all found no consolation prize for its pushed aside celebration after clinching the MacNaughton Cup, or its reserved reaction to the Broadmoor trophy — the only victory that season would be the game that never was.

That was the last time the season found itself on one of the top-four seeded teams in the nation. This year he is leading North Dakota in much the same direction in hopes of turning a team touted as an underdog into one that has the potential of raising an eighth national championship banner.

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North Dakota hosts spring series
Soccer team competes against MSUM and Crookston Sunday afternoon

By Mariah Holland
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The UND women's soccer team's three game weekend turned into a Sunday doubleheader after the team's Friday game at NDSU was canceled.

On Sunday afternoon, UND played two games at Memorial Stadium after the games were moved from Bronson field, due to poor field conditions, where the team walked away with a 1-0 victory over Minnesota State Moorhead and a 1-1 tie with Minnesota-Crookston.

Sophomore Caitlin Dahl kicks the ball Sunday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.